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Annual Budget Committee – Apply Now

It's almost that time of year, soon we will be looking for residents to be a part of the Budget Committee. Budget preparation is one of the most important responsibilities that a municipality has. Most towns and cities are already diligently working on crafting their budgets for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. They do so now in preparation for a vote on Town Meeting Day in March. In Barre Town, we do things a little differently.

By Town Charter, Barre Town residents do not vote on the municipal budget until the second Tuesday in May. As a result, our budget preparation begins later than most. Formulating a budget involves a substantial amount of time for staff and is one of the most important responsibilities that they have. Typically budget work in Barre Town begins in October when five-year plans, like paved and gravel road maintenance plans, are updated and equipment and building plans are finalized. The Selectboard will review the



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plans, adjust if necessary, and ultimately approve them sometime in December. These long-range plans then form the foundation for many of the department budgets that will soon follow with regard to preparation.

Once the plans are finalized (in reality before), department heads begin the process of projecting and planning their budgets that guide department expenditures in the coming fiscal year. Department heads turn in their budget requests to the Town Manager who then fine tunes and prepares a final budget for the Budget Committee to review.

The Budget Committee is formed around the end of January and works closely together for a couple of months, producing a final budget that will be put on the ballot for the May vote. The committee is made up of 10 town residents; 5 elected Selectboard members and 5 appointed citizens who are equal partners in the process. This committee has the final say regarding what the budget will be for the coming year so it is very important work. The citizen members of the committee are appointed annually; two by the Selectboard, one by the Town Clerk, and the final two are picked by the first three appointed members.

The work of a Budget Committee member consists of reviewing each fund and each departments budget. Typically the manager will explain the ins-and-outs of the process and review many line items as each budget is worked through. Many Budget Committee members have commented on how enlightening it is to be part of this committee, seeing how budgets are formulated and how the Town operates. Some have said it would be good for every resident to sit on this committee at sometime or another.

In the near future, we will be looking for Town residents interested in serving on the Budget Committee. ***If you are interested in serving on the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Committee, please submit your application by Friday, December 22, 2023 either via mail or email it to offices@barretown.org.*** This two month commitment is educational and a tremendous help to the Town.

By Chris Violette, Town Manager

DATES & EVENTS

- November 1 - April 1:** Winter Ban on Street Parking Begins
- November 1 -** Cemeteries Close
- November 15:** Property Taxes Due
- November 23:** 5K Walk/Run (Turkey Trot)
- December 22:** Budget Committee Letter Due
- January 8 - 19:** Christmas Tree Collections
- February 15, 2024:** Property and Sewer Taxes Due

ALL TOWN OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED:

- Thursday, November 23rd
- Friday, November 24th
- Monday, December 25th
- Monday, January 1, 2024



Board Vacancies

We currently have two vacancies on our Recreation Board. The Recreation Board works with the Recreation Director on matters related to town parks, playgrounds, recreation facilities, the Town Forest, and other land used for leisure purposes.



The board also advises on budget preparation and capital improvements. This board is a great way to have input on matters related to recreation in Barre Town. For more information or to express your interest in this board, contact the Town Manager's Office at (802) 479-9331 or email offices@barretown.org.

By Chris Violette, Town Manager

Employee Changes

In my short time here, some internal changes with the hiring procedures have been enacted and enhanced. In the last several weeks, we have been fortunate to have five per diem staff join our Emergency Services Department and our Fire Department.

Per diem work represents a unique and flexible employment opportunity for both the employee and employer. Per diem employees play a vital part in covering various shifts and services along with coordination of our full-time staff. As the current work landscape undergoes continuous transformation, it becomes crucial for both individuals and organizations to navigate the nuances of per diem work and identify how it can effectively meet everyone's needs.

If you are interested in working for the Town of Barre per diem in the Emergency Services Department, Fire Department, or Police Department, please see our website: barretown.org for employment availability. Available full-time positions within the Town will also appear on the website.

We are excited to have so many experienced and talented individuals who are a part of the Town of Barre team. Welcome to all our new per diem staff.

By Leslie Babic, Town Manager Assistant

Cemeteries Closed

All Barre Town cemetery operations are now closed for the winter season. The Cemetery Division, led by the Cemetery Sexton, Dwight Coffrin, will return to work late April, 2024.



During the upcoming winter months if you have any questions about the cemeteries, you may call the Town Manager's Office at (802) 479-9331. Barre Town maintains three cemeteries: West Hill Cemetery on Perry Road, Maplewood Cemetery at the corner of Farwell Street and Nichols Road, and Wilson Cemetery at the corner of Quarry Hill Road and Webster-ville Road. Lots in the Maplewood and Wilson Cemeteries are for sale and columbarium niches are available in Wilson Cemetery. Lots for small family columbaria are for sale in Maplewood Cemetery.

By Tina Thurston, Executive Secretary

Thanksgiving 5K—Wobble Gobble

Are you ready to work off that big Thanksgiving dinner before you eat it? The annual Thanksgiving Day Gobble Wobble 5K Turkey Trot is scheduled for, yup, you guessed it, Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd.

Sponsored by the Barre Congregational Church, this event draws the young and "older" to the Barre Town Recreation area to run or walk your way along a well defined course. Proceeds from the Gobble Wobble Turkey Trot benefit the church's community support programs. Online registration is open now for early registration at a discount of \$10 (\$20 registration fee vs. day of event \$30) at barrecongregational.org. While online registration is encouraged, same day is acceptable as well. The race begins at 9:30 a.m. with the start and finish line at the recreation pavilion. Parking is available in the Barre Town School parking lot. Strollers and dogs on a leash are welcome.

Drivers in the area of the school, along Websterville Road and Graniteville Road as well as near the Rock of Ages Visitor Center should be aware of participants on the road. Please use caution.

By Chris Violette, Town Manager

Website—New Look!

The Town of Barre launched a newly redesigned website on September 1. The website was redesigned to be more modern, user friendly, and with easy-to-find information. You will find new features such as quick links, E-notifications, a staff directory, interactive forms, and more! In addition, to the fresh design the site is mobile-responsive. We hope residents and visitors will find our new website helpful and easier to navigate. If you have not had a chance to check it out, please visit www.barretown.org.



By Tina Lunt, Town Clerk

Attention Dog Owners Of Barre Town

Vermont law requires all dogs six months or older to be licensed annually by April 1 through the Town Clerk's Office in the town that the animal resides. To license a dog, you must present a copy of a valid rabies certificate (unless one is already on file) to the Town Clerk's Office. The Clerk is required to keep a copy of the certificate on file. The fee for a spayed or neutered dog is \$10.00 and \$14.00 for an intact animal. Dogs registered late (After April 1) are \$13.00 and \$19.00.



The license tag provided for your dog's collar serves two important purposes:

1. It bears an individual tag number. This is important information should your pet become lost or stolen.
2. A current tag documents that your dog is vaccinated for rabies.

Licensing your dog with the Town Clerk each year is a State requirement and a civic duty to ensure the health and safety of the residents of Barre Town. The owner of any unlicensed dog may be subject to a fine.

2024 Dog Licensing:

If the Town Clerk's Office has a current rabies certificate on file for your pet, you will receive notice in early January that it is time to license your pet.

There are two options for licensing:

1. License by mail: a renewal form will be mailed to you.
2. Online: renew online at www.barretown.org using the NEW interactive Dog License Application.

If we have an email address on file for you, and you currently have a licensed dog with the Town you should have received an email from Assistant Town Clerk Catherine Whalen. This email correspondence was sent out to see what option (online or by mail) you prefer for licensing your dog. If you did not receive an email, please call the Clerk's Office at (802) 479-9391 otherwise you will receive the renewal by mail form.

If the rabies certificate on file has expired or will expire before April 1, 2024, you will receive a reminder in January. Once you have obtained an updated rabies certificate for your dog, simply bring the certificate to the Clerk's Office to obtain the license or renew online.

Lucky Dog Contest:



Stay tuned for more information coming soon regarding our Lucky Dog Contest! This year every dog licensed by April 1 will be entered into the contest and winners will be randomly selected for prize packages. More information will be coming soon on www.barretown.org and displayed at the Town Clerk's Office.

By Tina Lunt, Town Clerk

Sign-Up For E-Notify

The website redesign project is part of a broader focus of enhancing communications from the Town of Barre. One of the exciting new features of the site is E-Notify. What is E-Notify? E-Notify is a free subscription service that allows you to stay up to date with automatic event notices from the Town of Barre. Electronic notifications are received by email, or text on a variety of issues. Choose from news & announcements, meeting notices, election updates, Town Clerk news, etc.

We encourage residents to visit our website and sign up for E-Notify to stay up to date with the latest news from the Town! Use the following link to subscribe and manage your subscriptions <https://cms2.revize.com/revize/townofbarrevt/e-notify/index.php>.

By Tina Lunt, Town Clerk

Got Pictures?

We are calling all photographers and nature lovers! Whether you're a professional or just like to snap photos with your phone for fun the Town is looking for your help. The Town is seeking scenic pictures of the Town of Barre for their new website. We are inviting residents to take part in sharing photos that spotlight our beautiful Town! Photos can be emailed to Town Clerk, Tina Lunt at tlunt@barretown.org.



By Tina Lunt, Town Clerk

Emergency Operation Center & Public Info

You may not know this, but in the basement of the Municipal Building is the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) for Barre Town. The EOC consists of a conference room for emergency managers to gather and a radio room for communications with emergency crews in the field. There has been little need to activate the EOC over the years but two recent events magnified the need to have one, not only to manage the emergency as it unfolds, but to get information to the public. The windstorm in December of 2022 necessitated the opening of the EOC for the first time in many years and right on the heels of that event, came the recent July flooding. The EOC was opened for both events.

Part of the reason to open an EOC is to communicate with the public about things that are happening, roads that are closed, services offered, evacuations and sheltering options. While we did our best to provide information during these recent events, we are always looking for ways to do it better. Social media played a big role. Facebook and Front Porch Forum were instrumental in getting information to the public but that also left those that do not have access to such platforms a bit in the dark. Since that time, we have created a recorded phone line that people can call to get important

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information. The new number to call to receive up to date information is (802) 477-1850. While the primary focus of this number is emergency management only, we may use it to provide other information as well.

Another effective way to receive timely public safety information is through VT-Alert. VT-Alert is a free and a great way to receive text messages or email alerts about important events happening in our Town, or for that matter, almost any town in Vermont. We hope to use this service more in the future and encourage Town residents to sign up at vtalert.gov. Other methods for messaging are being explored as well and public input is encouraged.

By Chris Violette, Town Manager

Safely Preparing For Winter Weather



With winter right around the corner, it is important to remember that winter storms create a higher risk of car accidents, hypothermia, frostbite, carbon monoxide poisoning, and heart attacks from overexertion. Winter storms can last a few hours or several days, and blizzards can bring

extreme cold, freezing rain, snow, ice, and high winds. These winter weather events can cut off heat, power, and communication services, and put older adults, children, sick individuals, and pets at greater risk. Below are Warnings to be listening and looking for:

Know Your Risk for Winter Storms: Pay attention to weather reports and warnings of freezing weather and winter storms. Listen for emergency information and alerts. Sign up for your community's warning system. The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts.

Winter Storm Warning: Issued when hazardous winter weather in the form of heavy snow, heavy freezing rain, or heavy sleet is imminent or occurring. Winter Storm Warnings are usually issued 12 to 24 hours before the event is expected to begin.

Winter Storm Watch: Alerts the public to the possibility of a blizzard, heavy snow, heavy freezing rain, or heavy sleet. Winter Storm Watches are usually issued 12 to 48 hours before the beginning of a winter storm.

Winter Weather Advisory: Issued for accumulations of snow, freezing rain, freezing drizzle, and sleet which will cause significant inconveniences and, if caution is not exercised, could lead to life-threatening situations.

You can be prepared for winter weather at home, at work and in your car by doing the following:

- Create an emergency supply kit for your car. Include jumper cables, sand, a flashlight, warm clothes, blankets, bottled water, and non-perishable snacks. Keep a full tank of gas.
- Prepare your home to keep out the cold with insulation, caulking and weather stripping. Learn how to keep pipes from freezing.

- Install and test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors with battery backups.
- Gather supplies in case you need to stay home for several days without power.
- Keep in mind each person's specific needs, including medication. Remember the needs of your pets.
- Have extra batteries for radios and flashlights.
- Avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Only use generators and grills outdoors and away from windows. **Never** heat your home with a gas stovetop or oven.

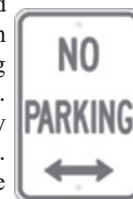
Generators can be helpful when the power goes out. It is important to know how use them safely to prevent carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning and other hazards:

- Generators and fuel should always be used outdoors and at least 20 feet away from windows, doors and attached garages.
 - Install working carbon monoxide detectors on every level of your home. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas that can kill you, your family, and pets.
 - Keep the generator dry and protected from rain or flooding. Touching a wet generator or devices connected to one can cause electrical shock.
 - Always connect the generator to appliances with heavy-duty extension cords.
 - Let the generator cool before refueling. Fuel spilled on hot engine parts can ignite.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully.

By Andy Lange, Fire Chief

Winter Parking Ban

Per Town ordinance, no vehicle shall be parked within the right-of-way of public roads between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., starting November 1 and ending April 1 of each year. Vehicles found in violation of this ordinance may be ticketed and/or towed at the owners expense. Please make sure to remove all vehicles from the roadway or right-of-way, as this allows our plows to safely clean the roads.



By William Dodge, Chief of Police

Safe Winter Driving

With winter fast approaching, now is the time to prepare your vehicle for winter driving. Good snow tires, wiper blades and keeping your gas tank at least half full are all good tips to get ready for winter. In addition, packing an emergency bag for your vehicle with a few items, such as a cell phone charger, blanket, flares, flashlight, lock deicer and warm clothes will make it more bearable should you become stranded. Preparing your vehicle is only half the battle. Remember to drive safely by slowing down, leaving early enough to reach your destination on time, and leaving adequate space between other vehicles on the road may prevent an accident. As always, wear your seatbelt and put down your phone, but most importantly, when the roads are bad, don't travel unless necessary.

By William Dodge, Chief of Police

Free Winter Sand

Did you know that Barre Town offers sand, free of charge to Town residents for use on their walkways, driveway and parking areas? During the winter months, the Public Works Department keeps a pile of sand outside the gate at 129 Webster-ville Road. This sand is intended for reasonable residential use only, not for commercial purposes. Please keep in mind that the main mission of Public Works is the maintenance of Town highways and when residents need sand most is also when the crews are most busy. While every effort is made to keep the sand stock-piled, there may be times when it gets low.

By Chris Violette, Town Manager



No Snow In Roadway

Winter is upon us and soon snow will be falling from the sky, blanketing the landscape. Plow drivers will be getting their coffee and heading out in the wee hours of the morning to clean driveways. Some driveways will get cleaned before the Town truck has gone by, and some will not. In either case, please refrain from illegally pushing snow across the road or leaving snow in the roadway from your driveway. It is dangerous for the motoring public and can cause unnecessary accidents. More details can be found in the Town Ordinance, Ord. of 11-27-2001, § 2; Ord. of 11-24-2009.

By Josh Martineau, Town Engineer



Snow Under, Around Mailboxes

Snow needs to be removed under and around your mailbox. This allows for the mail to be delivered and keeps snow from being pushed up against your mailbox. If the Town plow truck hits your mailbox with its wing or plow, the Town will repair it. The Town is not responsible for snow coming off the plow or wing hitting your mailbox, causing damage to it. It is also important that when you remove snow from your driveway, that you remove it to right side of your driveway as you face the road. By moving the snow to the right side of the driveway the Town will not push the snow you removed from your driveway back into the entrance of your driveway.

By Josh Martineau, Town Engineer



Christmas Tree Collection

The Department of Public Works (DPW) will pick up discarded Christmas trees during the first two full weeks of January. See the schedule shown below. Pick up service is suspended temporarily if DPW must plow snow or salt and sand roads.

Completely remove all lights, decorations, string and garland before placing the tree by the street or road side. Put the tree out for collection



before the end of the collection week for your neighborhood. If the tree is along the road after the collection week call the DPW (476-3522) or Town Manager's Office (479-9331). The Town is interested in keeping ditches and waterways clear. Trees tossed over the bank of a drainageway, or brook could cause minor isolated flooding. The Town also is interested in reducing outdoor fires. Land-filling organics such as a Christmas trees is not a legal alternative.

Trees collected by DPW are added to the brush pile at the lawn waste site and chipped for wood mulch. If residents do not have their tree collected in January they may take the tree to the lawn waste site next spring.

The tree pick-up schedule will be:

January 8 -12: North of 302, including Richardson Road, Beckley Hill Road, Camp Street, Windywood Road, East Hill, Trow Hill and Cobble Hill.

January 16 - 19: South of 302, including East Barre, Webster-ville, Graniteville, Quarry Hill, Sterling Hill, South Barre, and West Hill.

By Josh Martineau, Town Engineer

Winter Recreation

Our main Recreation Area located at 46 Webster-ville Road is now closed to through traffic for the winter season. The waterlines in all of the restroom buildings have all been drained and the buildings locked up. As in previous years, a port-a-let will be positioned near the main gate to the Recreation Area access road.

As usual, our Town Forest parking lot at 44 Brook Street will continue to maintain a port-a-let for the winter season. Hunting is allowed within the Town Forest during the appropriate season(s). Mountain biking in the Town Forest is prohibited during hunting season. The public is advised to wear bright colors, such as orange, while walking in the Town Forest during hunting season.

This Winter the Recreation Department will be hosting a sledding event and snowman building competition behind the Town Municipal Building. Follow our Town of Barre Recreation page on Facebook for more information as it is released.



The Millstone Trails Association will be providing winter grooming to a select amount of trails within the Town Forest once there is a steady ground cover of snow. To stay up to date on grooming you can follow the Millstone Trails Association on Facebook or check their website: <http://www.millstonetrails.org/>.

In addition, the Recreation Director will be hosting a "Winter Woods Walk Wednesdays" starting in January of 2024. These walks will differ each time around. It's a great way to get acclimated to the Town Forest in the Winter months. For any questions regarding recreation in Barre Town, to volunteer, or to get involved, feel free to contact our Director, Johnny Crossley at jcrossley@barretown.org.



By Johnny Crossley, Recreation Director

July Flooding Event

As we all know July 10th hit the area hard this year. While our hearts and support go out to those that were hit the hardest in our neighboring communities, Barre Town was also not immune to the storm. Many residents in the Town saw flooding in their basements when they had never had water before. Other residents lost driveways, embankments, and had other issues caused by the rain. Town infrastructure was also damaged. 77 roads, sewer pump stations, and other infrastructure were damaged during the event. Out of the 77 damaged locations 68 have been completed and repaired to pre disaster conditions.

Some of the uncompleted projects include Holden Road, South Barre Bike Path, and Camp Street. These three locations have the most impact on our community. Holden Road is closed between Peloquin Road and Ellenwood Street, the South Barre Bike Path is also closed between Bridge Street and Parkside Terrace and Camp Street is limited to one lane.

Holden Road and the Bike Path will remain closed throughout the winter. The extensive damage to both locations require engineering to provide a long-term solution. Soil borings along with Geotechnical analysis need to be complete before the design process can begin. Once there is a plan for design, permits will need to be acquired through the State of Vermont Agency of Natural Resources due to the proximity of the streams. Unfortunately, this is not a fast process and the time frame for reopening is unknown.

Camp Street is currently closed to one lane traffic; however, the traffic lights solar demand is too much to keep up with the amount of light we get during the day. Without the traffic lights we cannot safely keep Camp Street open through the winter months. No later than November 30th Camp Street will be temporarily closed. We are working diligently to get Camp Street designed and out to bid so it can be fixed in February or March. Once the work is completed then the road will be reopened.

The Town has contracted with the engineering firm VHB out of Burlington and Montpelier. VHB has 40 plus years' experience, with several engineering awards. VHB has engineering offices around the country with access to many different resources. They have worked on projects like ours around the state after Tropical Storm Irene. VHB will provide the Town with alternatives and cost estimates for our projects and then provide the Town with design and construction documents for the 8 locations.

The storm has cost the Town to date around \$400,000. However, with several of the large projects incomplete we are estimating the overall cost to be between \$4,000,000 and \$6,000,000. The Town is working with FEMA, Federal Highway Administration, Vermont Emergency Management, Vermont Agency of Transportation, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to come up with funding to offset the cost to the Town. Nothing is guaranteed until the money is put into our account, but we are hopeful we will be getting between 75% and 90% funding from our State and Federal partners. The Selectboard is looking at the possibility of using the ARPA funds to cover the gap between the State and Federal share and the Towns share.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend and thank all the Town Departments, Public Works, Fire Department, Police Department, EMS, and Admin staff, for the outstanding work and dedication they have shown not only during the actual flooding event but in the days and months after. Thousands of man hours have been spent putting the Town of

Barre back together. We are not through this disaster yet, but with the work from these departments we will come out of this better and more resilient in the end.

By Josh Martineau, Town Engineer

Project Updates

Storm Water Projects – The Town of Barre are continuing their efforts to bring storm water permits up to date with the new 3-acre rule. Currently the Town's consultant, Watershed Consulting, is working on designs for the Wildersburg and Valley View Circle Developments. Wildersburg's design is near 100% complete and will go out to bid early spring. Valley View Circle is in its early design phase. 100% design plans will be complete some time next summer.

VTrans Route 110 Bridge Replacement – This summer VTrans completed the bridge replacement on VT 110 near the intersection of US 302. The plan was to have a 60-day closure and be complete in late August. Unfortunately, the flooding event in July extended that closure for another two weeks. The project consisted of removing the old bridge and installing a new precast bridge in its place. The project also involved installing a new 8" water main to the bridge. The water line gives better water quality and fire flows to the users on the roundabout side of the bridge.

By Josh Martineau, Town Engineer

Ash Tree Removal

Again this winter we expect the Public Works Department to resume cutting down ash trees that are in the road right-of-way. Tree cutting is planned in the East Cobble Hill and Partridge Road area of Town. Prior to commencing cutting, we do our best to notify property owners along the section or roads we'll be working on. If anybody has questions regarding this, they can call the Town Manager's Office at (802) 479-9331.

Ash trees are being removed because of the emerald ash borer which kills the ash trees on which they feed. Private property owners should check their property for ash trees and assess the risk posed by dead trees. Dead trees are known to drop their limbs or topple with no wind evident.

By Chris Violette, Town Manager

BYSA 6th - 8th Grade FREE Wrestling Sign-Ups

Wrestling sign-ups for 6th – 8th graders is taking place now! The first practice begins on Monday, November 27 at the Spaulding High School gymnasium starting at 5:30pm. Sign-ups can be done through the link on BYSA's Wrestling Facebook Page, by contacting them through Facebook Messenger or by emailing wrestling.director@barreyouthsports.com.

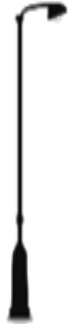
Join an amazing group of athletes, families and coaches that will help teach your child how to be a team player and a hard worker.

By Matt Thurston, BYSA Wrestling Director



Reporting Streetlight Outages

Have you noticed a streetlight out in your neighborhood? How do you go about reporting it? First, collect the following information before you call in the outage:



- What is the street name where the streetlight is out?
- What is the GMP pole number? (if any).
- What type of pole is it? Wood Utility pole, freestanding fiberglass or metal pole.
- What type of light is it? Standard streetlight, decorative post top light or flood light.
- Location description? Including closest street address, street intersection and other information to accurately locate the light.
- What is wrong with the streetlight? Light out, dim, cycling (keeps going on and off), making loud noise, or always on

or light pole damaged.

When you have the above information (or most of it) you can contact Tina in the Town Manager's Office at (802) 479-9331. She will report your information to Green Mountain Power who will then follow up on the report.

By Tina Thurston, Executive Secretary

Wilson Depot Recycling Center

Casella Waste Management operates the Wilson Depot, the trash and recycling transfer station located in the Wilson Industrial Park. The Depot is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays 8 am to 4 pm. Recyclables, beside daily trash, include tin cans, aluminum, glass, plastics, newspapers, junk mail/office paper, magazines and glossy newspaper inserts and corrugated cardboard. Large items such as tires, furniture and large metal appliances also are taken for an extra charge. For more information call Casella at (802) 552-4553.



By Tina Thurston, Executive Secretary

Look for the next issue of the Barre Town Newsletter in February 2024!



Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

We wish to publicly thank all of the volunteers who participated in the post-flood debris collection this summer as well as those who participated in our fall bulk trash collection. It is this group of dedicated residents who offer their time to provide their Barre Town neighbors with a valuable service. We are grateful to all of these folks for stepping up to the plate when calls were made to solicit help. Your willingness to serve is what makes Barre Town a great place to live! Our sincerest apologies if we have omitted anyone from our lists.

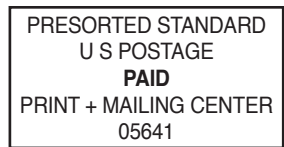
Post-Flood Debris Collection Volunteers:

- Justin Bolduc
- Jeremiah Breer
- Ken Canning
- Dawn Farnham
- Doug Farnham
- Brandon Garbacik
- Dwight Harrington
- Harry Henrichsen
- Donna Kelty
- Frank Malnati
- George McCool Sr.
- Jay Perkins
- Larry Rogacki
- Cedric Sanborn
- Cara Violette
- Chris Violette
- Paul White

Fall Bulk Trash Volunteers:

- Jeremiah Breer
- Chip Castle
- Joe Damiata
- Dawn Farnham
- Brandon Garbacik
- Alan Garceau
- Dwight Harrington
- Donna Kelty
- Angela Labrador
- Beulah Lanpher
- Brian Littlefield
- Tina Lunt
- Frank Malnati
- George McCool Sr.
- Topper McFaun
- Merle Miller
- Gary Munson
- Jay Perkins
- Terry Reil
- Larry Rogacki
- Carl Rogers
- Cedric Sanborn
- Paul White

By Michael Gilbar, Selectboard Member



Board and Commission Reports

Development Review Board – by C. Spaulding; Members: M. Reaves, C. Sanborn, J. Valsangiacomo, C. Neddo, A. Valentinetti, G. Otis and A. Labrador. Alternates: J. Fecteau and G. Galfetti:

CUP=Conditional Use Permit; **SD**=Subdivision; **BLA**= Boundary Line Adjustment; **SP**= Site Plan; **V**=Variance

September 2023: Conditional Use: Rock Pile Properties LLC to add the use of a restaurant (fast food) to an existing mixed-use building located at 130 Mill St – continued to October; **Variance:** Rock Pile Properties LLC - request for a 6’ variance of side set back to install a ramp for service and ADA accessibility located at 130 Mill St - continued to October; **Subdivision (Lot Merger):**

M. Bilodeau – request to merge two abutting parcels off of East Barre Rd near Dollar General – denied; M. Bilodeau – request to merge two abutting parcels off of East Barre Road near Lajeunesse Construction – denied.

October 2023: Subdivision: M. Magwire 2-lot subdivision at 272 Donahue Road – approved; **Subdivision (BLA)** Larose/ Hrubovcak boundary line adjustment at 95 & 97 Orchard Terrace – approved. **Conditional Use:** Rock Pile Properties, LLC to add the use of a restaurant (fast food) to an existing mixed use located at 130 Mill St – approved. **Variance:** Rock Pile Properties, LLC request for a 6’ variance of side set back to install a ramp for service and ADA accessibility located at 130 Mill St – denied.

Planning Commission – by C. Spaulding; Members: C. Sanborn, T. Reil, B. Atwood, G. Clain, M. Gilbar, and C. Chase:

AUD=Allowed Use Determination

September 2023: Multiple curb-cut request: L. Lozier at 265 Beckley Hill Road – approved. Continued discussion on Act 47, Village Center Designations and Energy Committee.

October 2023: Special meeting on October 5th: Site visit to proposed Village Center Designations; **Multiple curb-cut request:** T. Morse at 20 Sunnyside Drive – approved. Discussion of Village Center Designation applications to ACCD, Act 47 changes, and Energy Committee membership.

Traffic Safety Advisory Committee - By Josh Martineau; Members: D. Freeman, B. Meyer, V. Calcagni, T. Amaral, B. Kipp

August 2023: No Meeting.

September 2023: Reviewed “Bus Stop Ahead” sign locations. Voted to install new signs on Richardson and Camire Hill Roads.

October 2023: No Meeting

2024 First Quarter Property and Sewer Taxes will be due February 15th